

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) An image reading apparatus comprising:
a feed section which feeds originals one by one;
a reading section which reads an image on an original fed from the feed section;
a storage section which stores image data read by the reading section;
a first control section which executes a control to feed the next original from the feed section, when the image data of said original has been stored in the storage section; and
a second control section which executes a control to read out the image data from the storage section and subject the read-out data to an encoding process, in parallel with the control by the first control section, and to store a result of the encoding process in the storage section.

2. (Original) An image reading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said storage section is a hard disk drive.

3. (Original) An image reading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the encoding process controlled by the second control section is a JPEG encoding process.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Canceled).

6. (Canceled).

7. (Canceled).

8. (Canceled).

9. (Canceled).